

TO [REDACTED] OCT 78

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SECRET 10 [REDACTED] OCT 78 CITE SANTIAGO [REDACTED]

IMMEDIATE HEADQUARTERS
[REDACTED]

1. STATION HAS ARRIVED AT VIAUX SOLUTION BY
PROCESS OF ELIMINATION:

A. ALTO MANDO SOLUTION CANNOT BE ACHIEVED.
FURTHER DANGLING OF MAP CARROT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
CONTINUED EXHORTATIONS ON SCHNEIDER/PRATTS LEVEL WORSE
THAN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND COULD ENDANGER VIAUX OPERATION.

B. FREI PLUS ALTO MANDO SOLUTION. SEE
SUBPARA A.

C. REGIMENTAL COMMANDER SOLUTION. STATION
PLUS [REDACTED] LACK REQUISITE LEVERAGE TO PRY LOOSE MOST
COMMANDERS FROM THEIR INSTINCTIVE OBEDIENCE TO ALTO
MANDO DIRECTIVES WHICH STRESS UNQUESTIONING SUPPORT OF
CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES.

D. NAVY OR AIRFORCE SOLUTION. NEITHER JOINTLY
NOR SINGLY, NEITHER BY PERSUASION NOR BY COERCION, WILL
THEY BE ABLE TO SWAY ALTO MANDO.

E. CARABINERO SOLUTION. [REDACTED] UNABLE TO
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MUSTER SUFFICIENT STRENGTH IN SANTIAGO.  POSITION UNDERGOING EROSION.  CAN BE DEPENDED UPON TO KEEP CARABINEROS OFF STREETS.

2. WHAT CAN VIAUX ACCOMPLISH UNDER OPTIMUM CONDITIONS? HE CAN SPLIT ARMED FORCES, WITH CERTAIN ARMY UNITS SIDING WITH HIM AND OTHER RALLYING AROUND SCHREIDER, I.E. ALLENDE. MILITANT EFFECTIVES OF UNIDAD POPULAR WILL SIDE WITH LOYALISTS TROOPS. STRENGTH ESTIMATES AS TO OPPOSING CAMPS TOO SPECULATIVE TO WARRANT SERIOUS EFFORT. FENCESITTERS WILL WATCH TIDE OF BATTLE BEFORE ENGAGING THEMSELVES ON EITHER SIDE. CARNAGE COULD BE CONSIDERABLE AND PROLONGED, I.E. CIVIL WAR. UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, ARMED FORCES WILL BREAK UP AND CREATE UNPREDICTABLE SITUATION.

3. WHAT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANCE OF ARMS DROP?

A. TANGIBLE MANIFESTATION OF FOREIGN (PRESUMABLY AMERICAN) INTEREST IN SURVIVAL OF CHILEAN DEMOCRACY.

B. UNDOUBTED MORAL BOOST FOR RESISTANCE ELEMENTS WITHIN ARMED FORCES AND WITHOUT (VIAUX, PN, ET AL).



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C. THINLY VEILED NOTICE ON ALTO MANDO THAT
USG'S PREFERENCE FOR ARMED FORCES INTERVENTION INTENDED
TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY [REDACTED] AND THAT USG WILLING TO
CONDONE CIVIL WAR AND ALL THAT ENTAILS. (MESSAGES
CURRENTLY BEING PASSED TO KEY OFFICERS VIA [REDACTED] AND STATION
FACILITIES LACK CLOUT AND VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS, OTHER
THAN DEMONSTRATING U.S.G. UNWILLINGNESS TO CONCEDE
UNIDAD POPULAR VICTORY.)

D. UNMISTAKEABLE NOTICE THAT USG PREPARED
TO FORECLOSE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH ALLENDE REGIME.

4. POSSIBLE RESULTS OF ARMS DROP:

A. ARMED FORCES PICK UP GAUNTLET AND LAUNCH
UNIFIED EFFORT TO CRUSH VIAUX'S REGELLION. VIAUX WOULD
BE DEFEATED.

B. LARGE SCALE AF DEFECTIONS, EITHER BY UNIT
OR INDIVIDUALLY, WHICH WILL EITHER PROVIDE SETTING FOR
PARLAY BETWEEN SCHNEIDER AND VIAUX OR USHER IN ARMED
CONFRONTATION WITH OUTCOME UNCERTAIN.

C. UNIDAD POPULAR MOBILIZES ITS EFFECTIVES AND
[REDACTED]

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PUTS INTO EFFECT ITS CONTINGENCY PLANS. THIS
MAY OR MAY NOT TRIGGER REPRESSIVE MOVE BY AF.

5. ABOVE NOT INTENDED TO BE EXHAUSTIVE
ENUMERATION OF SOME OF KEY FACTORS THAT OUGHT TO HAVE
BEARING ON YOUR FINAL DETERMINATION. YOU HAVE ASKED US
TO PROVOKE CHAOS IN CHILE. THRU VIAUX SOLUTION WE
PROVIDE YOU WITH FORMULA FOR CHAOS WHICH UNLIKELY TO
BE BLOODLESS. TO ^{DIS}SIMULATE U.S. INVOLVEMENT WILL
CLEARLY BE IMPOSSIBLE. STATION [REDACTED] TEAM, AS YOU KNOW
HAS GIVEN MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ALL PLANS
SUGGESTED BY HQS COUNTERPARTS. WE CONCLUDE THAT NONE OF
THEM STAND EVEN REMOTE CHANCE OF ACHIEVING [REDACTED] OBJECTIVE.
HENCE, VIAUX GAMBLE, DESPITE HIGH RISK FACTORS, MAY
COMMIT ITSELF TO YOU. [REDACTED]

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